

State children's society will offer a series of workshops on sexual abuse, beginning later this month.

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Former National Stockyards worker shares his memories of how things used to be in National City.

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## Free flowing again

### Lock work finished in time for harvest

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has completed repairs to Lock 27 three days ahead of schedule, allowing a smooth flow of river traffic for the fall harvest.

The Corps began in August a \$5.5 million modernization project designed to avoid future lock repair shutdowns and barge traffic jams.

Closing the lock for 46 days caused more than \$18 million in delay costs for area barge lines.

"The cooperation the Corps has received from the towing industry during this time of closure is appreciated," said Ed Rogers, lockmaster at Lock 27.

Rogers, barge lines and the Corps were concerned that if the work wasn't finished on time and was delayed into the winter, the backup certainly would have hurt shippers during the fall harvest. Work was scheduled to finish Tuesday, but crews finished on Saturday.

More than 9 million tons of goods passed through the auxiliary lock during the time the main lock was closed, Rogers said. Annually, more than 80 million tons of shipping passes through Locks 27, including 40 percent of the nation's grain harvest.

**"The cooperation the Corps has received from the towing industry... is appreciated."**

Ed Rogers  
lockmaster

The work, however, was entirely necessary, as the arms that control the lock's doors needed an upgrade. Originally set at midpoint on the 210-ton gates, the arms are constantly either above water or below as the lock is operated. The new arms are above the waterline.

Previously, the Corps would need to drain the lock any time something went wrong with the arms. The resulting delays — often several days to weeks — could be costly to shippers. In the last 20 years, there were 20 failures of the arms, a continuous problem that had to be corrected.

The 600-foot auxiliary lock could only handle tows of nine or fewer barges, while the larger,

## MetroLink proponents ready to spread message

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A door-to-door campaign to educate voters about the benefits of light rail in Madison County is being planned by a newly-formed citizens group.

Madison County Citizens for Proposition M announced the kickoff of its promotional campaign Tuesday.

In addition to a door-to-door campaign, the group also hopes to take advantage of publicity for similar referenda in St. Louis.

In November, voters in 16 Madison County townships consider adding a quarter-cent sales tax to pay for the local share of the cost of extending light rail into Madison County.

The group officially announced its formation Tuesday. Co-chairmen are Ralph Korte, chairman of Korte Construction, and Tadas Kicieli-

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ski, executive secretary/treasurer of the Southwestern Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council.

"We want everyone to be aware that they will be asked to vote for a very important issue on Nov. 4," Korte said. "Because this is an off-year election, which normally has low voter turnout, we want to make sure that everyone knows that the MetroLink Extension issue is on the ballot and to get out and support it at the polls."

Kicieliński said they were "very excited" about the referendum.

"It will provide a tremendous return on

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Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Donna Asbeck, a storyteller with the Granite City Public Library, narrates a book for a group of children during storytime at the Johnson Road Branch. Storytime is on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. at the Johnson Road Branch and at 10:30 a.m. at the main branch.

## Shot in the arm

Libraries have flexibility with new funds

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

There is good news for patrons of Tri-City libraries.

The Granite City Public Library District will be spending proceeds from state grants on new reading material, while the Venice Public Library is seeking computer equipment and software and Madison is renovating its building.

Local libraries were among 600 throughout the

state sharing \$13.3 million in general purpose grants.

The money was released last week by Secretary of State George H. Ryan.

"With the help of these grants, libraries large and small will continue to be a strong force in communities providing instruction, culture, diversion and a world of information," Ryan said.

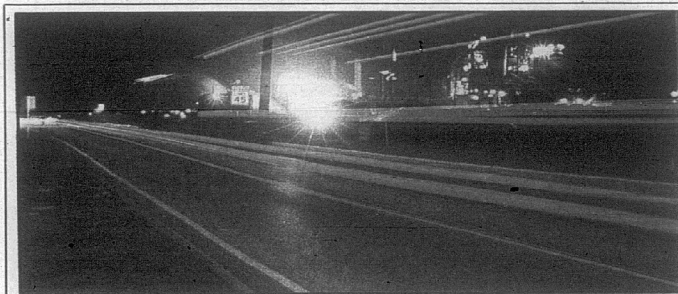
The largest grant in the Tri-City area is to Granite City, which will receive \$51,011.25.

"The bulk of it will be used for purchasing new library materials, books, magazines, that sort of thing," said library director Lester McKiernan.

The Madison Public Library received \$5,786.25, while the Venice Public Library received \$4,463.75. In Madison, most of the money will go toward library renovation.

"We're getting ready to

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A truck passes by the iron works on Highway 203 at dusk.

Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

## City shows many faces

Although heavily industrialized, the Granite City area defies description as a completely urban setting.

Numerous archaeological treasures can be found dotting the landscape. Quite often, they aren't given a second thought or are viewed as ugly, intrusive and grotesque.

The structures are part of the area's landscape, and part of what makes up the area's identity.

For more examples of area architecture, see Page 5A.

## Armenians bracing for arrival of Aram I

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Final preparations for the consecration of St. Gregory's Armenian Apostolic Church and a visit by Patriarch Aram I are apparently going very well.

The Rev. Vartan Kassabian, pastor of the church, said events this weekend include the consecration ceremony, a banquet and a community forum with the Patriarch.

"I'm looking for the patriarch's visit to be a time of spiritual renewal," Kassabian said. "It makes the occasion (consecrating the new church) even more meaningful."

The new church is at 1014 W. Pontoon Road in Granite City. As of Wednesday workers were putting the finishing touches on the structure.

As part of a 40-day visit to the U.S. and Canada, Aram I will lead the consecration ceremony, set for 10 a.m. Sunday.

Aram I is the spiritual leader of about 20,000 Armenians in the United States and Canada.

He is scheduled to arrive at Lambert St. Louis International Airport at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Upon arrival, the patriarch will perform a traditional blessing of bread and salt.

A community forum is set for around 4 p.m. Saturday at the St. Gregory Community Center.

The opening of the doors ceremony for the new church will be at 6 p.m., with a Vesper service immediately following.

**"I'm looking for the patriarch's visit to be a time of spiritual renewal. It makes the (consecration) even more meaningful."**

Rev. Vartan Kassabian

A reception in honor of the patriarch will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the community center. The patriarch will lead the Pontifical Liturgy and Consecration Sunday morning. At 2 p.m. that day, a banquet and program honoring him will be at the community center.

While in St. Louis, the patriarch will participate in a recording of KMOV Channel 4's "Confluence" program on Monday.

Aram I is the moderator of the Central and Executive committees of the World Council of Churches. He is the youngest and first Orthodox moderator.

Ordained in 1968, he studied at the Armenian Seminary of Antelias, the Near East School of Theology, and the American University of Beirut, all in Lebanon.

He later studied at the Ecumenical Institute of Bossey, Switzerland; Oxford Universi-

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John Fuller, Meteorologist, KSDK NewsChannel 5

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## Salute

## Michael Withers

Air Force Airman 1st Class Michael D. Withers of Granite City has been honored with the intelligence division's "Airman of the Quarter" Award for July to September 1997.

This is his second award. The Airman enlisted in the Air Force in August 1995, after graduating from Granite City Senior High School.

Withers is the son of Dennis and Ruthann Withers of Granite City.





## NEWS

## NEWS IN REVIEW

Editor's note: News In Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

## MetroLink supporters make plans

A group promoting light rail in Madison County held its first organizational meeting Oct. 2.

Madison County Citizens for Proposition M is set to begin a public awareness campaign in support of the November referendum to approve a quarter-cent sales tax to pay the local share of bringing light rail to Madison County.

In August the Madison County Board voted to place the referendum on the November ballot.

Ralph Korte of Korte Construction Co., and Tadas Kicielinaki, executive secretary/treasurer of the Southwestern Illinois Building and Construction Trade Council, were named co-chairmen of the referendum group.

According to a June 1997 survey of community leaders and public officials, as part of the long range transportation plan by the county and Madison County Transit District — an overwhelming majority said extending MetroLink into the county and construction of a new bridge across the Mississippi River were the top priorities.

## Electric deregulation goes to Senate

For Illinois consumers, deregulation could mean several things, including a 15 percent reduction in electricity rates.

However, first the state must pass legislation that will allow deregulation to occur.

To that end, the Senate is expected to consider Senate Bill 55 during its fall veto session, Oct. 28-30 and Nov. 12-14.

The bill, if passed, could mean:

Cuts residential electric rates for most consumers by 15 percent.

A competitive edge given to Illinois businesses through lower costs.

Funding to help low-income families.

Customer choice of providers.

## Teacher honored for excellence

Dot Bailey, a Marshall Elementary School fourth-grade teacher, was awarded an Excellence in Elementary Science Teaching award by the Illinois Science Teachers Association (ISTA).

In May, the ISTA notified Bailey she was one of 10 who would receive the award. The National Science Foundation and the ISTA named Bailey as one of 10 winners of the 1997 Illinois awards. Gov. Jim Edgar presented the award Friday in Peoria.

## Incentives offered to commuters

Cash prizes, tickets to St. Louis Rams games, T-shirts and other prizes are among the incentives being offered by RideFinders this fall.

As part of its fall promotion, RideFinders — responsible for promoting car and van pooling in the St. Louis region — is offering prizes for commuters registering with the agency.

By registering, commuters automatically will be eligible for the "Register and Win. You'll Reap the Benefits" promotional prize drawing.

The grand prize is \$500. Other prizes include four tickets to the Nov. 23 St. Louis Rams/Carolina Panthers game and RideFinders T-shirts and commuter-related items.

Registration is free, and everyone who registers will receive a RideFinders commuter discount coupon book.

## Grants

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remodel the library," said Judy Moss, president of the library board. "We're going to remake this library and make it user friendly."

She said the library is tentatively scheduled to close for renovations on Nov. 7, and reopen Dec. 1.

Venice librarian Charlyn Woods said much of their grant is going toward computer equipment and software.

"As soon as we got the letter we went out and bought a color printer," she said.

The printer will be available for use by the public, along with reference materials on compact discs they plan on purchasing with part of the grant.

The remainder will go toward traditional library material.

The grants range from \$288 for the Ira C. Reed Public Library in Lafayette to \$3.5 million for the Chicago Public Library. The grants are based on the population within a library's service boundary. The money can be used for a variety of purposes.

## GCHS band competing in festival

The Granite City High School marching band will compete in the 27th annual Illini Marching Band Festival Saturday at the University of Illinois.

The field show contest starts at 8 a.m. at Memorial Stadium, 200 E. Florida in Champaign. The parade contest begins at 9:15 a.m. at Peabody and 4th.

Call (217) 244-0470 or (217) 333-1085 for ticket information.

## Church hosts chili luncheon

The Mitchell Presbyterian Church is hosting a chili luncheon and yard sale on Saturday. There will also be a chili cook-off with trophies for first, second and third place.

The event will be at the church on east Chain of Rocks Road and Greenway Drive. The yard sale is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the chili luncheon from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost of the luncheon is \$2.50, with tickets sold at the church. Carry-outs will be available.



## Fire Safety week

The kindergarten classes of Darla Mayhall and Ann Marie Boyd from St. Elizabeth's School visited the Johnson Road fire station Oct. 2 to help kick off Fire Safety Week. Above, Mayhall helps firefighter Dave Jenkins demonstrate clothing and equipment. Jenkins, Capt. Ed Hagnauer and shift commander Ray Romine taught fire safety to the students. The students were to visit the main fire station on Madison Ave. this week.

## MILESTONES

Steve Evans celebrated his 13th birthday Oct. 2.

Cory Michael McElroy celebrated his 9th birthday Oct. 2.

Ed Broyles celebrated his 46th birthday Oct. 3.

Brian Papa celebrated his birthday Oct. 3.

Karen Menendez celebrated her 42nd birthday Oct. 3.

Bruce Latimore celebrated his 42nd birthday Oct. 3.

Ashley Cardwell celebrated her 10th birthday Oct. 3.

Jane Boushard celebrated her 21st birthday Oct. 3.

Laura Lengyel celebrated her 12th birthday Oct. 4.

Gary and Gloria Lassen celebrated their 28th anniversary Oct. 4.

Alyssa Kamacho celebrated her 8th birthday Oct. 4.

Christopher Parks celebrated his 6th birthday Oct. 4.

Daniel Michael Brice celebrated his 17th birthday Oct. 4.

Stan Soboleski, Jr. celebrated his birthday on Oct. 5.

Georgia Downs celebrated her 69th birthday on Oct. 5.

Danielle Cantlon celebrated her 9th birthday on Oct. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Burkley celebrated their 51st anniversary on Oct. 5.

Bernard and Vera Mang celebrated their 51st anniversary on Oct. 5.

Christopher McNeish celebrated his 26th birthday on Oct. 5.

Bill Meehan celebrated his birthday on Oct. 6.

Julie Courtois celebrated her birthday on Oct. 6.

Katie Hatcher celebrated her 13th birthday on Oct. 6.

Lori A. (Jones) Kessler celebrated her 35th birthday on Oct. 6.

Kathy (Hudson) Hubbard celebrated her 41st birthday on Oct. 6.

Robert "Bobby" Hoffman celebrated his 51st birthday on Oct. 6.

Edward and Pauline Nichols celebrated their 58th anniversary on Oct. 7.

Brenda York celebrated her 54th birthday on Oct. 7.

Bob Scaturro celebrated his 58th birthday on Oct. 7.

Kelly and Sheryl Revelle celebrated their 48th anniversary on Oct. 7.

David and Jo Ann Cook celebrated their 26th anniversary on Oct. 8.

To submit an item for Milestones, drop a post card to "Milestones," 1815 Delmar, Granite City, IL 62040. Please include a telephone number for verification purposes.

Also, keep in mind that we will run birthdays and anniversaries each year unless we are contacted and asked to take the item off the list. So please contact us if a person you submitted for milestones passes away, or no longer wants to be included in the listing.

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## THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED

Attorney At Law

If a man checks into the hospital, can the wife be held responsible for his bill even if she did not personally guarantee payment? A substantial balance frequently is owed to the hospital when there is inadequate health insurance coverage and the husband has an extended hospital stay. The hospital may wish to pursue the wife for collection in situations where the husband dies or when the wife has more assets and thus is better able to pay.

The Illinois Family Expense Statute states that the "expenses of the family" shall be chargeable to both the husband and wife. Various cases in Illinois have indicated that one expense of the family for which either spouse can be held responsible is medical treatment. Thus in our example, if the husband incurs a hospital bill, the medical provider can look to the wife for payment. This is true even if she had no knowledge of the hospital stay and did not consent to it.

In one recent case, a man hospitalized for an extended period. His insurance paid approximately 80% of the bill, but the balance owed was \$15,000. The man died

shortly after returning home, and the hospital looked to his wife for payment. The wife avoided paying the bill for fourteen months following her husband's death.

Eventually the wife became ill, and she was admitted as a patient to the same hospital. She also stayed for an extended period of time, and upon her discharge, she had incurred another \$6,000 in charges. When she arrived home, the hospital contacted her with regard to paying her husband's bill and her own charges. Under the Family Expense Act, she certainly owed the entire sum. How could she avoid any of this outstanding balance was paid.

After her death, the question arose as to whether her heirs owed these hospital bills. Certainly the hospital could not collect any monies from her family since they did not personally guarantee payment of the hospital charges of either the husband or the wife. The hospital could, however, file a claim against the estate of the deceased woman to satisfy the indebtedness. This claim would have to be filed by the hospital within six months of the time the estate was opened.

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Fr. Vartan Kassabian, left, pastor of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church, and Andy Hagopian, right, join Granite City Mayor Ron Selph as he signs a proclamation naming Oct. 12 as St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church Day in honor of the consecration of the congregation's new church building, located on Pontoon Road, on that day.

## Topinka will seek second term

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Citing her accomplishments and the need to consider the position of Illinois state treasurer as more than a stepping stone to higher office, Republican Judy Baar Topinka announced Wednesday she would seek a second term.

Speaking at the Madison County courthouse in Edwardsville, Topinka said Southern Illinois "will be making the difference in all elections" and courted votes from Republicans and "Smart Democrats."

Topinka made other campaign stops in Chicago, Rockford, Peoria, Springfield, Quincy, Marion, Mt. Vernon, Effingham, Champaign and Bloomington.

She said taxpayers should expect the state to make good use of their money.

"When it's used and spent wisely, that's acceptable, when it's wasted that's not," she said.

### Visit

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ty, England; and Fordham University, New York. He earned two master's degrees and a doctorate of philosophy. His major areas of specialization were philosophy, systematic theology, and Near Eastern church history.

"I'm not really interested in taking your tax dollars," she said, citing the profits from investments. "We have not been a drain on the state; we have been a resource."

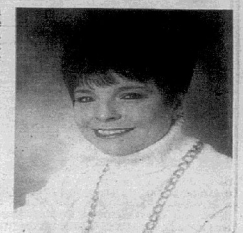
Topinka, first elected in 1994, said if she is re-elected it would be a first in Illinois because the state treasurer's office is "undervalued" because too many politicians used it as a stepping stone to higher office.

"I intend to put a stop to the political revolving door that for decades has been the Treasurer's Office," she said. "While I am extremely proud of my accomplishments since taking office, this office presents continuing challenges and opportunities that I look forward to addressing."

"In short, I love my job, I'm good at it, and I am asking the people of Illinois to allow me the privilege of continuing to serve them," she said.

She cited several accomplishments in her three years in office.

"I am proud of our accomplishments in the three short years since I took office," she



Judy Baar Topinka

said. "I believe they have laid a solid foundation for the future."

"Our successes in the investment of public funds, community development and financial education have laid the groundwork for even greater success in the coming years," she said.

"I think we offer the state of Illinois a lot," she said.

### Locks

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1,200-foot main lock, can handle the big 15-barge tows. This forced large tows to break in half, and increased the time required to pass the lock, which is the lowest on the

Mississippi, to 90 to 105 minutes instead of normal times of less than half an hour.

The public can see normal operations at the lock when the visitor center and overlook is reopened, after crews have time to remove equipment and machinery from the area. The visitor center and overlook, off Highway 3 and north of the Melvin Price Support Center, will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

(Additional information provided by The Telegraph.)

### Rail

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investment and create unlimited business opportunities and jobs," he said. "We want to ensure that the voters of Madison County don't miss the train on economic developments."

The group had requested the ballot issue to be named Proposition M in order to take advantage of the attention similar ballot issues in St. Louis are expected to receive.

The Missouri initiatives are expected to receive a great deal of news coverage, and because Illinois voters get their news from St. Louis television and radio, they hope to "reap the benefits" without paying the cost.

Jim Grandone, volunteer campaign coordinator, said they were now trying to raise funds to promote the ballot issue.

He previously said they hoped to raise about \$100,000. He also estimated that the St. Louis groups supporting light rail would have a budget of close to \$500,000.

Grandone also said he expected the group to go door-to-door to get the message out.

"We want every voter in Madison County to know that this important issue is on the ballot in Madison County," he said. "It's not just a Missouri issue."

"We've seen the benefits of MetroLink when it opened. We know that there's widespread support for extending MetroLink into Madison County."

If approved in November, technical issues involved would be worked out in a Major Investment Study, which could be initiated within 15 months following voter approval.

In August, the Madison County Board voted to place the referendum on the November ballot.

According to a survey in June of community leaders and public officials — as part of the long range transportation plan by the county and Madison County Transit District — an overwhelming majority said extending MetroLink into the county and construction of a new bridge across the Mississippi River were the top priorities.

If the referendum is approved in November, the sales tax and investment income would produce an estimated \$278 million by 2015. That amount would cover planning, engineering, construction and operation of a 16-mile MetroLink extension, based on the availability of federal matching funds for 50 percent of the design and construction cost.

The total cost for the project would be an estimated \$515 million.

While passage of the referendum is not a guarantee of federal funds, county and transit district officials have said there is no possibility of extending MetroLink to Madison County without it.

Construction would take about five years, starting sometime in 2000.

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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN

### National Stockyards: thanks for memories

Once upon a time in a far-away land. If that sounds like the start of a fairy tale from your childhood, so be it. But it is also the opening line to one of the most important dreams come true in the history of livestock operations of its kind in the country.

Here's how it all began. It is 1871 and the idea of creating a stock receiving and shipping center came first to a group of railroad men who were faced with the problem of moving livestock from west to east with no bridges across the Mississippi River. The livestock had to be loaded on barges and transported across the big river. The site selected for the St. Louis National Stockyards was on the east shore, a town now known as National City.

The construction of the yards began on June 1, 1871, and was officially opened for business on Nov. 19, 1873. The first load of cattle went to a buyer by the name of Barney Hunter, known as the Cattle King of the West. The first hogs were purchased by White House Provisions Co. The plant was later bought by Swift and Co.

The National Stockyards quickly became the wealthiest community of its size in the world. Years went by and the market continued to grow, quickly becoming the second largest behind Chicago, which finally closed years ago. The names of the faces have changed over the years, but the purpose remained the same: Get a fair price for the farmer.

But, as time moved on and the cities began moving out, so did the farms and with them the livestock. I started at the National Stockyards in 1969 when 8,000 to 10,000 hogs and thousands of cattle were not uncommon, but even then an old time sheep salesman for one of the commission firms told me, "go get a job, this one won't last."

It was hard to believe an operation so vital to agriculture could become a thing of the past, but it seems the need for someone to represent the sale of their livestock in this day and age is no longer needed.

On Sept. 24, the place where fortunes were made and lost everyday, the place where thousands of people were employed by packing houses, railroads, commission firms, buying agencies and the Stockyards itself, announced it is going to shut down the livestock operation at National Stockyards the first of the year.

What does this mean to me as well as others who worked at the yards? Well, I always thought of it as a way of life more than a job. I met a lot of great people and I learned that the difference between a lie and a good farm was sometimes about 50 cents. I realize that what started out as a dream 125 years ago turned out to be one of the most successful terminal markets in the country. We gave anything to go back in time in the 1930s when nearly 5 million head of livestock went through the yards.

I am confident that a new facility will be found to serve the needs of the livestock farmer in the midwest. One last thought. The closing of the yards is not only closing of a business, but it brings to an end an era in history that we will only be able to tell our grandkids about.

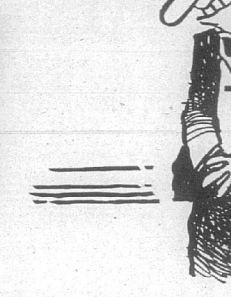
For all the people who have passed through your gates: St. Louis National Stockyards, thank you for the memories.

David Schumacher is the farm director for 530-KTRS AM radio in St. Louis. His radio show can be heard on the station five days a week.



David Schumacher

## LAUNDRY MAT



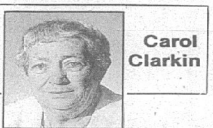
## Famed journalist had gift of gab

From the first time I met him, Jim Phelan reminded me of a leprechaun: rather large ears for the size of his head, which was balding, and bright quizzical eyes.

His expression always made one expect him to erupt with laughter at any moment. He favored berets and tweedy caps as headgear, but would have looked quite at home in one of those silly-looking high green hats that the Irish cobblers elves are always wearing.

And what a story-teller. He had the Irish gift for gab. (I hesitate to call it blarney) and his conversation was always fascinating. Had he told me there was a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, I'd have asked him for the map.

When I learned of his recent death at his California home, I can't say I was saddened. After all, he was in his mid-70s, had enjoyed a long, busy, fruitful life, and I couldn't even claim close friendship with the man. Simply acquaintance. Over a five-year period in the early to mid-'60s, I had met him four or five times, perhaps, a total of 10



Carol Clarkin

hours in his company. And enjoyed every minute of those brief get-togethers.

A native of Alton, he had worked for a few years as a reporter for the Alton Telegraph (the Alton Evening Telegraph in those days), beginning in 1941, before becoming, in no particular order, a magazine writer, an author and a free lance investigative reporter before most people had ever heard of that field of journalism.

Jim, in those years, made intermittent (and infrequent) visits back to Madison County, and on those trips, liked to touch base with some of the fellows he'd worked with in his Telegraph years.

I was lucky enough to meet him because one of those fel-

lows was Bill Ryan, my bureau chief, who was simply delighted when Jim appeared, always unexpectedly, in the office. Both men, being the gentlemen they were, always invited me to join them for a little libation at the old Van-za's on St. Louis Street, and believe me, I never declined.

At that time, Jim was writing for a number of magazines. He had been a staff writer for the Saturday Evening Post for six years and by the early '60s, a contributing writer for a variety of magazines: Forbes, Fortune, Playboy, Penthouse, True, Paris Match, Cosmopolitan, the New York Times Sunday Magazine.

Before our first meeting, I had read a story he had written for True on the evil Hodge scandal and loved his style.

Later, I enjoyed a number of his stories as well as some of his books, "Howard Hughes: The Hidden Years" and "Scandal, Scams and Scoundrels: the Casebook of an Investigative Reporter." The latter contained a chapter of some local interest dealing with the good

old, bad old days when Madison and St. Clair Counties were notorious for wide-open vice, including a beating Jim took from a couple of area hoods while he was attempting to investigate some of it in search of a news story.

This was the beginning of his career in that field, so to speak, though not nearly as well known as his later exposure of the Clifford Irving hoax or that of the fabricated conspiracy charge against Clay Shaw made by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison in the JFK assassination case.

Phelan was one of those unforgettable characters the old Reader's Digest used to feature (though I'm sure there was never a mention of him in that little magazine). I count myself lucky to have met him, the fellow who claimed Don Quixote as his "patron saint" and who once said that if he could have chosen any line of work in the world, "it would be the one I got into."

That could serve as a pretty good epitaph for Jim.

## LETTERS

### All firefighters do same work

TO THE EDITOR: In response to the article in the paper, about the Mitchell folks in the labor dispute, I don't believe that most of the residents are mad and upset with Granite City.

What we are upset with is the Madison County Board for refusing us the "right to vote." The paperwork was sent in, no problem. Then they changed the rules. What about the First Amendment? Just like everything, there are rules; if you are playing baseball and are losing you don't change the rules to the fact that the other team gets one out and you get four. Play fair all the way.

Of the 20 who voted against — four from Granite City, four from Edwardsville, one from Pontoon — I'm sure they lobbied their fellow members.

Attention, all Madison County people, a week later the same 20 voted themselves a retirement pension of 80 percent of their salary. Wouldn't it be nice if we could have the same.

Now about the parade. I'm for it. I'm a member of Carpenters Local #633 since 1953. Unions are great.

At the parade, Granite Fire person asked that Mitchell Fire Department be removed as they didn't belong to Firefighters Union. These new jobs that are union. Just because they are volunteers doesn't make them less of a firefighter. They have to pass state tests for EMT and fire fighting like everyone else. They are just as dedicated and professional as the union members.

May I ask the firemen — if he was in a rural area (where most are volunteers) and had problems with the life of a loved one — would he ask for a union card? I don't think so. I know I wouldn't.

Make sure your own door step is swept clean before going after someone.

### Metrolink riders should pay too

TO THE EDITOR: We are hearing reports that we need to increase our sales tax to extend the Metrolink into Madison County.

I have no objection to the Metrolink; we have traveled on the Metro from Illinois to Missouri several times and it was a very good experience.

So what is my problem? My problem is the possibility of totally subsidizing the Metro with sales tax and not having the people who ride pay their minimum share.

In several trips my wife and I took on the Metro, we had our ticket checked only one time, as we were getting off, after attending a basketball game at the Kiel Center. All other trips we were not checked and no one else was either.

Bi-State exposes the good virtues of the large ridership, but never have they ever disclosed the financial reports to prove that there is some income coming in from ticket sales.

I hope the local newspapers would take the initiative to get the information and print it so their readers know how things are going in the financial end of the Metro.

Let's not hang this albatross around the taxpayer's neck.

DANIEL WONDOLOWSKI  
Collinsville

### More facts needed on tax

TO THE EDITOR: Madison County voters would be well-advised to vote "no" on the suggested sales tax increase of half a cent to fund Metrolink. Why? Because

the \$515 million extension is, at best, a "guesstimate."

In November 1993, voters in the 14 townships in St. Clair County were promised a 26-mile extension from 5th and mile extension from 5th and Missouri in East St. Louis to Scott AFB (MidAmerica) if they approved a half-cent sales tax increase to generate \$360 million. Here we are in November 1997 and no extension but with another promise that it will be done in September 2001.

We also had a dual route proposition. One to use the I-64 corridor and the other the old CSX railroad for 13.5 miles from East St. Louis to Belleville, and both ending up at Scott AFB. The dual route suggestion was apparently proposed at that time so the 14 townships would vote "yes," all hoping for the line through their township.

Now we are told the \$340 million was only for extension to Belleville Area College and would be only 17 miles long. Too, the dollar figure used in 1993 did not reflect the dollar value in 1997. Bi-State wants another \$105 million to go to the original destination at Scott AFB.

Also, Bi-State expects the towns on the route to help pay for those station stops (\$3.5 million for Emerson Park in East St. Louis and \$3.6 million for another). The transit stops are down to nine from the original 14, and although 14 townships are paying the added half-cent sales tax, the line will only operate in five of those townships.

So, before the voters in Madison County buy "a pig in a poke" based on "information" from Bi-State and their supporting politicians, make them give you the real facts.

E.J. ELLIOTT  
O'Fallon

### Don't consider closing school

TO THE EDITOR:

In an article in the Sept. 24 Granite City Journal, the superintendent of the Madison School District, Gary Allison, is quoted as saying that one "problem" with finding space for the increased enrollment in the Madison District is that "elementary parents want their children to go to their neighborhood school."

Certainly they do! And certainly they should! And if Superintendent Allison views that desire on the part of parents as a "problem," then I submit that perhaps Mr. Allison should not be the person to serve as superintendent of the Madison District.

Many black parents in the north Venice-west Madison portion of the district are viewing Mar. Allison's remarks as a thinly-veiled attempt to set the stage for the closing of Blair School, a feat attempted by a succession of superintendents over the years.

Let the superintendent beware! Any attempt to close Blair School will be met with a storm of protest, and will undo all the efforts of Mayor John Hamm to make school and city governments representative of all the people, and make them into institutions all the people can be justly proud.

Superintendent Allison needs to concentrate on educating the district's students not shuffling them around like so many chips on a game board.

Perhaps I and others are wrong about the intentions of Superintendent Allison. Perhaps he is just running his ideas up the flagpole to see who on the board and in the community will salute. I hope so. But this much I can say for sure. Nobody, but nobody in the communities of north Venice and west Madison is saluting his proposals.

DON GARRETT  
Venice

### Help solve mystery

TO THE EDITOR:

I've become the owner of an old memory book called "The Keepsake Album."

The album is in very poor condition and probably has little, if any, monetary value. At one time the pages were gold edged and includes some black and white photos based on Bible stories. "The Keepsake Album" is like an autograph book, and all the original messages are written in old, fading ink. The handwriting is fine and beautiful.

Inside the book are a number of sentiments written to a young woman (living somewhere near Collinsville/Walshville) named Phoebe M. Waite. From the inscription, the book was apparently given to her by a William Waite (her husband, brother, father?) in 1859.

There's also a later note added in 1940 by Shirley Holland: "Grandma C. gave this to me when she went to Detroit."

Phoebe was obviously dearly loved by a number of friends and relations, and despite what one writer referred to as "heavy crosses," she seems to have had a merry personality.

I'd like to be able to find a descendant of Phoebe, to give the book to as a gift, or of Shirley Holland.

For now, I'm just safeguarding someone else's memories. If a member of the family of Phoebe Waite or Shirley Holland would appreciate and preserve this little piece of family history, please write me.

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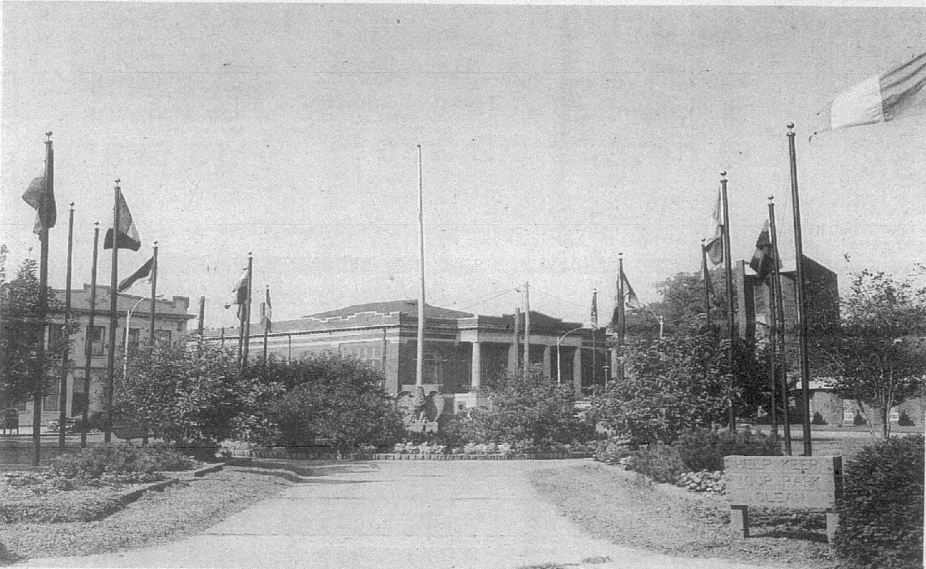
## Architecture adds to area's identity



The old stamping works building on Niedringhaus Avenue, now being used as a warehouse.



As seen from the Missouri side of the Mississippi River, the McKinley Bridge and the smokestacks from a factory dominate the skyline.



The Granite City Library as viewed from Triangle Park in downtown Granite City. Niedringhaus Methodist Church is seen to the right of the library.



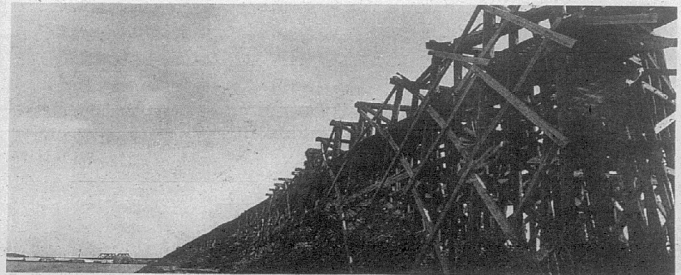
The Madison County Transit transfer center in downtown Granite City, with the clocktower in the foreground, is one of the city's newer architectural landmarks.



Many homes in the older part of Granite City have undergone complete renovations, such as this house on Delmar Avenue.



This view looking west, from across the Legacy Golf Course, shows the Archer-Daniels Midland Co. silos.



Heading east from the McKinley Bridge in Venice is this old street-car trestle.

Staff photos by JOHN FRESE















## NEWS

## OBITUARIES

## Frank Mercer

COL. FRANK MERCER, 84, of Des Moines, Iowa, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 1987, after a long illness. He was born Sept. 8, 1913, in Granite City.

Mr. Mercer retired from the U.S. Air Force. He moved from Granite City in 1976, and has lived in the Fort Walton Beach area since. He was a member of the Santa Rosa Beach Community Church in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.; a graduate of the University of Illinois; a member of the Emerald Coast Barbershop; the Sandestin Lions Club; the Santa Rosa Beach Golf and Beach Club; the Air Force Association; American Legion Post 0264; the A.M.S. Military Society and B.P.O. Elks Lodge 1792 in Fort Walton Beach.

Following graduation from the University of Illinois, where he received his commission through the R.O.T.C., he entered the family funeral home business where he was owner and operator of Mercer Mortuary in Granite City. In 1940, he was called to active duty with the U.S. Army Air Corps where he served until his retirement in 1968. Prior to his retirement from the military he served as Commander of the Defense Logistics Service Command.

Survivors include his wife of 60

years, Genevieve Mercer of Destin, Fla.; three sons, Frank Mercer of Palm Dale, Calif., Daniel Mercer of Phoenix, Ariz., and Michael Mercer of Atlanta, Ga.; two daughters, Carol Ann Frable of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Sue Ellen Drowett of Bogalusa, La.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the Santa Rosa Beach Community Church with the Rev. Robert Hendricks and Rev. Don Ulrich officiating. Burial was in Gulf Cemetery in Santa Rosa Beach.

Memorials are suggested to the Santa Rosa Beach Community Church or to the donor's favorite charity.

Emerald Coast Funeral Home handled arrangements.

## Ruth H. Delay

RUTH H. (HILDA) DELAY, 85, of Granite City died at 6:45 p.m. Oct. 6, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born on March 5, 1912, in St. Louis.

Mrs. Delay graduated from Highland High School and became a teacher at the Kyle School east of Highland then taught at the Jamestown School in Jamestown. After marriage she and her husband moved and lived in Keyport, Alhambra, Panama, and Greenville.

She was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ; Women's Afternoon Guild; past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Donelson; member of the Sunlight Rebecka Lodge #768 in Keyport; and she volunteered at St. Joseph Hospital in Highland, as well as Edward Uhlatt Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

Survivors include two sons, Al J. Delay of Granite City, and David D. Delay of Palm Springs, Calif.; a daughter, Nancy M. Delay of Orlando, Fla.; a sister, Mary T. Korte of Highland; a brother, Paul A. Tachanin of Quincy; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean J. Delay, whom she married on March 12, 1937; her parents, Albert Louis and Hilda Louise (Nagle) Tachanin; and a sister, Alice L. Burniski.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, Oct. 9, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Spangler-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland. Services will be at 10 a.m. on Oct. 10, at the Evangelical United Church in Highland. Burial will be in McKendree Chapel Cemetery in Keyport. A funeral luncheon will follow graveside services at Evangelical UCC.

Memorials are suggested to Friends of St. Joseph Hospital.

## Gary Wayne Crites

GARY WAYNE CRITES, 54, of Collinsville died Monday, Oct. 6, 1987, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Sept. 13, 1943, in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Mrs. Crites sold automotive items in St. Louis. He was a member of the National Rifle Association, Town and Country Gun Club of

Granite City, St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Collinsville and Missouri National Guard.

Survivors include his wife, Marcia E. (Arnold) Crites, whom he married on May 29, 1965, in Collinsville; his parents, Milford and Mary Lavern (Sandlin) Crites of Collinsville; one daughter, Michelle Sprague of Collinsville; a brother, Troy Crites of Fenton, Mo.; and one grandson, Austin Michael Sprague of Collinsville.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at the Herbert A. Kassy Funeral Home Ltd. in Collinsville. Services will begin at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, proceeding to St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church for a 10:30 a.m. Mass with the Rev. Robert Morris officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials are suggested to Masses.

## Opal V. Bohannan

OPAL V. BOHANNAN MCCILLAN, 77, of Chesterfield died Saturday, Oct. 4, 1987, at the Garden View Care Center in Chesterfield, Mo.

Mrs. McCillan owned and operated the Bonnevillie Motel on Park Hills, Mo., for many years.

Survivors include four daughters, Jeri Copper of Granite City, Rose Schwend, Barbara Hoff, and Kenneth Stewart; one son, Kenneth Meyer; one brother, Otis Bohannan; 16 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David F. McCillan, Jr., in 1974.

Services were Wednesday, Oct. 8, at Schrader Funeral Home, 14960 Manchester, Road, Ballwin, Mo. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

## Sex abuse workshops presented by society

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A series of all-day workshops on sexual abuse will be offered beginning Oct. 30 in East St. Louis.

The series, "Out of the Shadows," is co-sponsored by the Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois and the Gateway Foundation Training Departments. It is also supported with funds from the Greater East St. Louis Community Fund.

The goal of the workshop series is to increase both public and professional awareness about the problem of sexual abuse.

Gina Clay Crane, director of clinical training for the Gateway Foundation, said sexual abuse is "so prevalent" that there is a real need for training in dealing with the problem.

"We just don't have a lot of opportunity for a workshop like this," she said.

The series is geared toward clinicians, foster parents, child care providers, health care professionals, parents, school personnel, and mental health and social service workers.

The first workshop in the series, "Beyond Survivor Empowering Women Who Have Been Sexually Abused: An Experimental Workshop," will be conducted by Sue Lauber, a psychotherapist and con-

sultant who specializes in working with women who have been physically, sexually and emotionally abused.

The workshop will focus on providing a learning lab experience to increase participants' awareness of the trauma and needs of those who have been abused.

The registration deadline for the first workshop is Oct. 23.

The workshop begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. Two training periods will be from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. The other workshops follow a similar schedule.

Other workshops are:

• Nov. 13: The Impact of Sexual Abuse on Children and Adolescents

• Dec. 11: Out of the Shadows: Treatment Strategies for Adult Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse

• Jan. 8: Still in the Shadows: Treatment of Sexual Abuse

• Feb. 12: Comprehensive Management, Supervision and Treatment of Sexually and Physically Aggressive Youth and Adults

The workshops will be in Board Room 2085 of Metropolitan Community College, 601 James E. Thompson Blvd., East St. Louis.

Registration is by mail. The cost is \$10 for each workshop or \$40 for the full series. For information contact CHASI at 452-8900, ext. 135.

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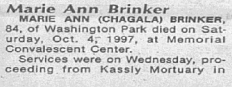
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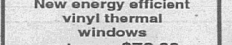


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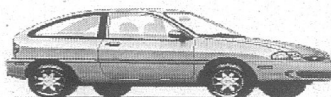
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## SPORTS

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falls on Senior Night  
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PEPSI-COLA/GRANITE CITY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

## Warriors falter in opening game

Demling's late goal  
sinks Granite CityBy Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Pat Demling grabbed a muffed settling attempt by Granite City sweeper Adam Sanchez at 75:05, raced toward the goal with a defender on his heels and — without breaking stride — sent a fortid smash from 16 yards to the low left-hand corner of the goal, beating keeper Justin Roehr and giving St. Charles West a stunning 1-0 win over the host Warriors in Monday night's opening round of the Pepsi-Cola/Granite City High School Tournament of Champions.

**BOYS SOCCER**  
ST. CHARLES WEST 1,  
GRANITE CITY 0

The Warriors, playing without Corey Winfield (who is out at least three weeks with a broken toe sustained in Sunday's practice), have scored only four goals in their last six games and dropped their third straight one-goal decision. Their scoring drought was stretched to 112 minutes 33 seconds.

Granite City also found itself at the bottom of the Pool C standings after O'Fallon and pool favorite Rosary struggled to a scoreless tie earlier in the day.

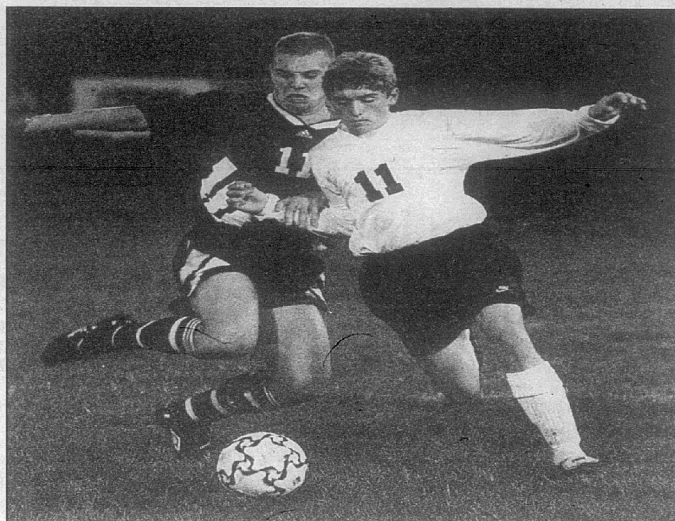
Demling was pounding on the door of the Warriors goal all night.

At 4:50, the junior striker split a pair of Granite defenders off a botched clearing pass, tore down the center of the box and nailed a shot from 11 yards straight on. It took a spectacular save by Roehr to deny the score.

At 51:00, a Demling header from seven yards, off a fine crossing pass, streaked past Roehr and sailed just over the crossbar at the center of the goal.

Ten minutes later, Demling drove down the left side of the box and sent a needle-threading pass across the goal mouth where it

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(Photo by JOHN FRESE)

Granite City's Cislun Kessel fights off a St. Charles West defender for control of the ball during Monday night's game at the Gauntlet. Granite City dropped a 4-0 decision and was 0-1-0 in pool play prior to Wednesday night's action.

Panthers manage  
tie with RosaryBy Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The O'Fallon Panthers faced a tall order on Monday afternoon at the Pepsi-Cola/Granite City High School Tournament of Champions.

Art Voellinger's surprising 11-1-0 squad met St. Louis small school soccer power Rosary (11-1-3), anchored by perhaps the best goalie in the entire St. Louis area in Justin Deckard.

Deckard lived up to his reputation. After 90 minutes of strenuous effort, the Panthers could not get a single shot past the senior stand-out, who notched his seventh shutout in 10 games since becoming eligible on Sept. 10.

But neither could the Rebels scoot one by O'Fallon keeper Rob Brown as the Pool C squads battled to a well-played, hard-fought scoreless tie.

Rosary dominated play in the first half, nearly scoring six minutes in as Micah McMorris was left open on the left side, only 17 yards from the goal, and sent a scorcher toward the right corner of the net, where Brown made a great play to smother the shot.

"We didn't put things together in the first half as well as I would have liked," Voellinger said. "We were lucky we won the coin flip. That meant we had the sun in their keeper's eyes. I was hoping to take advantage of that early on. But we never really tested him a lot. Then, in the second half, we started stringing things together better, we started making line runs, we started overlapping and we started using the field better. It was definitely a game of halves. It was a game we should have won in the second half."

O'Fallon put seven shots on goal in the second half, including a pair of near-winners in the game's last six minutes.

**BOYS SOCCER**  
O'FALLON 0,  
ROSARY 0

Pat  
HestonPredictions on  
Tournament of  
Champions (and  
champion eaters)

Permit me, please, a pair of predictions.

Two days of watching the Tournament of Champions have convinced me we are headed for not only an all-Missouri final, but a final four without an Illinois team.

My guess is that DeSmet, Chaminade, Aquinas-Mercy and St. Charles West will be duking it out for the right to stand as the lone survivor Saturday night.

Admittedly Blue Springs has yet to arrive at the Gauntlet, packing their three pool games into two days (today and Friday), but coach Doug McLagen admitted, "We're not very good this year. The only reason we're coming to Granite City is because we won the (Missouri 4A) state championship last year. At least, I can't think of another reason."

You've got to figure the guy knows his own team. Even without seeing the Wildcats play, I'll take McLagen at his word.

So, I'll stick with the four Missouri schools mentioned. As far as the championship game is concerned, you can bet the business on Chaminade and DeSmet locking horns this Saturday after battling to a 1-1 tie one week earlier.

As to the winner, take your pick. It's a toss-up. I'll go with DeSmet. They appear more balanced than Chaminade, more relentless in their attack. But the soccer gods are smiling on them both. As to the other teams, more mortals should leave dreams of a championship alone.

My second prediction regards the gastronomical record that is being pursued nightly in the press booth during the Tournament of Champions.

Press booths, you understand, are dangerous places. Not so much because they require negotiating steep stairs, but because of the sheer

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(Photo by JOHN FRESE)

Granite City quarterback Rocky Smith rolls out in a recent game. The Warriors travel to Alton this Friday night.

## Tough-luck Warriors try to set the record straight

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
GRANITE CITY AT ALTON

One play here, one play there, and the Granite City football Warriors could be 4-2 on the year, 3-0 in the Southwestern Conference.

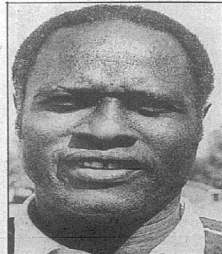
As it is, however, the Warriors are 2-4 overall, 1-2 in the SWC.

And win No. 3 won't come easily as the red-and-black travel to Alton tomorrow for a 7:30 p.m. game against the Redbirds. Alton is 4-2, 2-1 in conference play.

Warriors coach Nick Petrillo knows his team has its work cut out for it Friday, but he has confidence in both his running attack and his defense.

"Alton is a very good team," said Petrillo. "They are much improved over last year — especially their running game. They also have a great quarterback and a solid corps of receivers. They may possess the best overall speed of any team we've faced this year."

"The kids are starting to play like I want them to play, like I know they can play," said coach Robert Shannon, in his second season as the Red-



Robert Shannon has guided Alton to a 4-2 start and 2-1 mark in the Southwestern Conference.

birds' head coach. "We're not good yet, at least not good like I know we can be good. But we're on the way. The thing about our team is that we are very young. We have only eight seniors on the entire roster, and we started a freshman at right tackle last week against Collinsville."

It doesn't sound good for Granite. But Shannon is worried about whether his Redbirds can penetrate what he considers an impressive Warriors defense or whether his own defense can stop a highly successful Granite City running attack.

"We don't defend the run like we should," said Shannon. "And that's not good with Granite City coming to town. They have some big backs. And (Brooks) Narvaex is a very quick back. They are a much-improved team over last year, and that is not reflected in their record. We could have some real problems with their running game."

"I believe Granite City has played well all year and is getting better each game," Shan-

non added. "They play very well, especially on defense. And as to their passing game, well, it seems this year that whatever a team isn't doing well coming into their game with us, they start doing well the night they play us."

Petrillo knows that a one-dimensional team will not go far in the Southwestern Conference and will certainly be in trouble against Alton.

"We've got to get our passing game in gear," he said. Petrillo, too, feels his team's record does not reflect the way the Warriors have played as season has progressed.

"Our defense has done a very good job," he said. "They have shut down some big-time runners like (Belleville East's Darrell) Scruggs and (Belleville West's Herman) Horne. And all of our kids, on both sides of the ball, give us everything they've got each Friday night. A coach can't ask for any more from any group of kids."



# Warriors swept on senior night

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The Alton Redbirds cut short senior night for the Granite City Lady Warriors this past Tuesday evening, winning 15-12, 15-7 in the final home volleyball match of the season for GCHS.

Seniors Laurie Bohnenstiel, Carrie Lasiter and Jenna Wright were honored in pre-match ceremonies, but there wasn't much the trio could do against a very athletic Alton team that was on its game. Wright had an exceptional night in a losing effort. Her nine kills, along with a pair of impressive digs and some hard, accurate serves kept the Lady Warriors in the contest.

It looked like Alton's night from the start.

With the Redbirds leading 4-2 in the first game, and Granite City serving, Bohnenstiel leaped high at the net and spiked a rocket toward the floor. But Alton's Matt Hargrave made the dig of the night, enabling the Redbirds to eventually secure a side-out.

The Lady Warriors tied the game at 5-5 on Jessica Worthen's ace, but Alton reeled off the next three points for an 8-5 advantage and kept GCHS at bay the rest of the way.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	
ALTON	15 15
GRANITE CITY	12 7

Worthen served another ace, pulling the Lady Warriors within 14-12, but a strong serve by Hargrave closed out the first game.

Granite City jumped to a quick 3-0 lead in game two on hot serves by Kristen Ely and a trio of kills by Wright.

But Hargrave returned the favor, serving the Redbirds into the lead, 4-3. Wright's pair of power serves put the Lady Warriors back in front, 5-4, but Alton pieced together seven straight points — stopped only by yet another Wright kill — to take command of the contest at 11-5.

Successful kills by Wright brought GCHS within four, 11-7, but Hargrave took it from there, serving four straight scores.

"I wish we could have played better tonight," said Wright. "But we still have a lot of work to do. We're not that concerned with losing the last home game. We'll come together. I think we were just too distracted by all the stuff going on tonight. Not everyone was as focused on the game as they probably

"Not everyone was as focused on the game as they probably should have been. But, now, it's time to focus on the regionals."

— Jenna Wright  
Granite City senior

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The Lady Warriors travel to Collinsville this Tuesday before ending the regular season with successive tournaments: Belleville East (Oct. 16), Freeburg (Oct. 18) and the Southwestern Conference Tournament at Belleville West (Oct. 21-23). IHSA regionals are Tuesday, Oct. 28.

"We have to pick it up now and aim for the regionals," Wright said. "We can't worry about our record or anything else. I think we can win our regional and advance to the sectional. It's a matter of pulling together and playing our game."

## Legends Cars Nationals closes Tri-City season

The Tri-City Speedway will be screaming in the dirt Saturday with Legends Cars from across the country competing in the Nationals for Legends Cars.

This will be the final event for 1987 at Tri-City. Legends Cars are a product of Humpty Wheeler, president of Charlotte Motor Speedway, and offer an affordable entry into motorsports. The Legends Car is a specially designed "spec" car that can only be purchased as a "turnkey" car. It is a five-eighths scale, full-fendered, full-bodied version of 1937 Chevrolet and Ford coupes powered by a Yamaha 1200cc motorcycle engine.

More than 60 drivers from 10 states will be competing in the televised event on the quarter-mile track.

"We have chosen Tri-City Speedway as the site for our Nationals because it is the best quarter-mile dirt track in the country suitable for Legends Car Racing," said Todd Fisher, executive director for 600 Racing. "And (it) offers a central location for the event." Time trials are planned for 2 p.m., qualifying races are at 4 p.m., and the finals are scheduled for 6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$2 for children 12 and under. Parking is free.

### AUTO RACING

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— Todd Fisher  
Executive director  
600 Racing

## Bearcats overwhelm Bethel in first half

By Daniel Chamness  
Correspondent

COLLEGE FOOTBALL  
MCKENDREE 55, BETHEL 0

The past few weekends, McKendree entered the locker room at halftime behind the eight ball, forced to make a comeback to win the game.

Saturday afternoon against Bethel College, the Bearcats turned on the afterburner in the first half and rolled to a 55-0 victory to improve their record to a sparkling 4-1.

"We did not know how to act, everyone was sitting there looking around," coach Carl Poelker said of the halftime scene. "The key was to not fall into the rhythm of the other team. We did a good job of staying focused and keeping the intensity up."

McKendree lost no time in taking the lead on the first play of the game. Jared Grebner took the opening kickoff and scampered 91 yards. Ryan Wells would add the point-after attempt, as he did six more times during the day.

While McKendree began to score touchdowns, Wildcats frustration began to build. On McKendree's second series, Wildcats cornerback Randy

Bishop began fighting with Bearcats receiver Brent Gross. Bishop kicked Gross, and was ejected. Bethel was assessed a 15-yard penalty on a personal foul, which placed the ball at the Bethel 19. Louis Harden scored on a 19-yard run at 10:46.

"The goal today was to start like we started the other two games," said Harden. "We came out blasting. We needed a good solid win, before going on the road. The focus this week was to play four hard quarters."

In addition to Harden equaling the single game touchdown record of three for the second week in a row, the defense also had plenty of opportunity to touch the pigskin. Rory O'Connell ran back an interception at the 14:09 mark of the third quarter and Jason Stearns' 2-yard touchdown return off a fumble recovery came exactly seven minutes later.

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— Louis Harden  
McKendree running back

151 yards of offense. Kerry Metcalfe led them in rushing with 11 carries for 46 yards.

"We did not play a lick," said Wildcats coach Ralph Ferguson. "Carl has done wonders with this program, but we did not play at all. If I knew what our problem was, I could

cure it. We had some frustration penalties, and they cost us."

McKendree had 501 yards of offense, as Harden, who saw only limited action in the second half, had 164 yards on 12 carries. Quarterback Jason Karnes had a 5-for-8 performance for 122 yards.

The Bearcats will now play Westminster College, Blackburn College and Eureka College on the road. Their final game Nov. 1 will be at Lebanon Field in Lebanon against Quincy.

Louis Harden currently has 576 yards on 88 carries at this point in the season. He has nine touchdowns on the year. As a team, McKendree has ground out 1,424 yards of rushing. After Saturday's contest, Jason Karnes has passed for 284 yards.

The Bearcats have scored 124 points this season for an average of 24.8 points per contest.

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# SPORTS

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### Soccer

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sailed softly to the other side of the box, untouched by a defender or an attacker. Then, at 88:10, Demling wheeled on a ball from 12 yards out and put a shot on goal too hot for Roehr to handle. It handcuffed the Granite keeper, rolled past him and across the goal line out of bounds.

On his next chance, Demling found the mark.

"The play by Demling was fabulous," said West coach Derek Phillips. "To split defenders like he did, then to turn on the speed, to have a defender on him tight and to still finish the play like he did was tremendous individual effort."

Despite putting only four shots on goal — seven for their opponents — the Warriors still had solid chances to score.

At the 29:02 mark of the first half, freshman Mike Smith leaped high to challenge a 50-50 ball in the box off a Sanchez direct free kick from 60 yards. West keeper Jon Broadstone got enough of a fist on it to punch it out of harm's way.

Then, at 32:10, Stone nailed a shot from eight yards which deflected off Broadstone to Brad Hutchings, who took it toward the goal line down the left side of the box and sent a

superb crossing pass across the goal mouth, but none of the Warriors could get to it in time.

"We came here knowing it would be a hard tournament and it would be an especially hard game playing Granite in Granite," said Phillips. "Both teams played well, I thought. I was pleased with our effort. We had a hard time finding the net, but we gave it everything we had all game long and down the stretch. Eventually, it paid off."

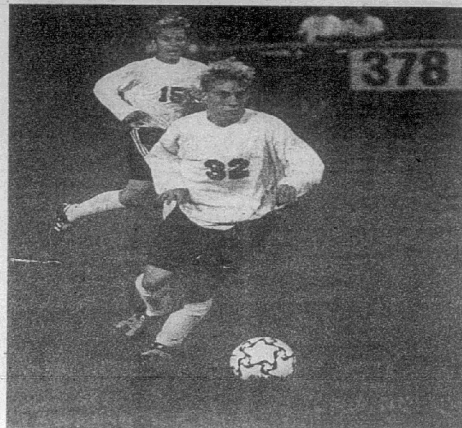
But there might have been no pay off without help from the host Warriors.

Granite City mistakes were costly, leading not only to the winning goal but to several West chances that were way too close for comfort.

"We're very generous. We're a very charitable team," said GCHS coach Gene Baker of his team's tendency to hand chances to their opponents.

"There was a miscue here, a miscue there and — suddenly they had a goal. We're not communicating on the field. I'd like to say we were learning the hard way. But all we're doing is losing the hard way. We're not learning anything."

West will have an impact on this tournament. We'll be back Wednesday and will have something to say," Baker promised.



(Photo by JOHN FRES)

Granite City's Josh Hileman dribbles the ball upfield during the Warriors' loss Monday against St. Charles West.

### Heston

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amount of food and drink available to those who make it to the top. An assortment of Pepsi products along with chips and nachos, dip, hot wings, pizza, and much more tempt the palate, not to mention the fans who sit just below.

Right now it is a four-man race as to who will consume the most junk food during the tournament. I am joined in competition by GCHS personnel Bill Rotter (principal), Jerry McKeehan (athletic director) and John VanBuskirk (basketball coach), all of whom, like me, will eat anything that sits still or moves slowly.

I am mathematically dis-

qualified since I missed Wednesday's games. There's no way to catch up with these guys. I have to believe McKeehan won't win either. His job keeps him on the run. He's just not in the booth as much as everyone else.

In my opinion it's down to a battle between Rotter and VanBuskirk.

Who will be the winner? Rotter, I predict. VanBuskirk has the disadvantage of manning the score board controls, which keeps his hands away from the food for periods of time. Just enough time for Rotter to sneak — or is that "snack" — his way to victory.

But, what does it really matter who wins? After all, it's an all-Granite City final four.

## DeSmet, Chaminade impress in openers

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The first two days of play in the 18th annual Pepsi-Cola/Granite City High School Tournament of Champions have provided a mix of the expected and the unexpected.

Tournament favorites Chaminade and DeSmet have looked impressive, barely breaking into a sweat during easy wins. But powerful Rosary has yet to win a game after seeing action twice at St. Charles West has come out of nowhere to surprise a pair of early favorites.

### Pool A

Aquinas-Mercy is 1-0-0 following an overwhelming 3-1 win against Belleville West on Tuesday. The Maroons were down 1-0 at the half and 3-0 before they could muster a serious threat. Pre-tournament team selection Kevin Keiper picked up the Falcons' second goal, scoring from a near-impossible angle.

West, which tied Fort Zumwalt South 1-1 on Monday, Bulldogs 0-1-1. The Bulldogs (0-0-1) scored in the last minute of play to catch the Maroons, who had led nearly the entire game.

Blue Springs, from the Kansas City (Mo.) area, has yet to play a game. The defending Missouri State High School Activities Association 4A champion arrives tonight to meet Zumwalt South at 7:45 p.m. and plays twice on Friday.

### Pool B

Belleville East is 1-0-0, dumping hapless McCluer North 2-0 in a game that could have been much worse. But the Lancers could be in trouble against Sacred Heart Griffin this afternoon and will definitely be up against a challenge Friday with DeSmet.

The victim of a second 1-0-0, cut through a sound Sacred Heart Griffin team Tuesday night like a circular

saw through peanut brittle. All-star Peter Christakos put the Cyclones up 1-0 early, but the Spartans came roaring back on a pair of goals by Scott Fann, another by Pat Noonan and one more by Nick Garner off the rebound of a Noonan smash.

North and SHG are both 0-1-0. The Stars are a non-factor but Griffin may have something to say Belleville East's chances of survival.

### Pool C

The host Granite City Warriors are on the bottom looking up after the first two rounds. Gene Baker's boys are 0-1-0, absorbing a 1-0 loss to St. Charles West on Tuesday when the Missouri school scored with less than five minutes to play.

West is the surprise team of the pool and of the tournament. The Warriors humbled highly regarded Rosary 3-0 only 18 hours after beating Granite City. More surprising than the victory itself was the margin of victory in a game completely dominated by West. O'Fallon (0-0-1), which met Granite City on Wednesday night, still has a shot at the semifinals if they can get by St. Charles West.

### Pool D

Hazelwood Central (1-1-0) slammed Howell North 3-0 on Tuesday, but that was after the Hawks had fallen by the same score to Chaminade one night earlier.

Chaminade (2-0-0) would have had their second straight shut-out on Tuesday had keeper Michael Richarz not punted a ball into the back of a Duchesne player. The ball ricocheted toward the goal and shot past a surprised Richarz in a 4-1 Flyers victory. Like a rattlesnake which bites its victim and then draws back waiting for it to die, Chaminade strikes early and then shifts into a defensive mode.

### RESULTS

18th annual Pepsi-Cola/ Granite City High School Tournament of Champions	
<b>POOL A</b>	
Aquinas-Mercy	1-0-0
Blue Springs	0-0-0
Belleville West	0-1-1
Fort Zumwalt South	0-0-1
<b>POOL B</b>	
DeSmet	1-0-0
Belleville East	1-0-0
McCluer North	0-1-0
Sacred Heart Griffin	0-1-0
<b>POOL C</b>	
St. Charles West	2-0-0
O'Fallon	0-0-1
Rosary	0-1-1
Granite City	0-1-0
<b>POOL D</b>	
Chaminade	2-0-0
Hazelwood Central	1-1-0
Duchesne	0-1-0
Howell North	0-1-0

Monday	
Belleville West 1, Fort Zumwalt South 1	
Belleville East 2, McCluer North 0	
O'Fallon 0, Rosary 0	
Chaminade 3, Hazelwood Central 0	
St. Charles West 1, Granite City 0	

Tuesday	
St. Charles West 3, Rosary 0	
Hazelwood Central 3, Howell North 0	
Chaminade 4, Duchesne 1	
Aquinas-Mercy 3, Belleville West 1	
DeSmet 4, Sacred Heart Griffin 1	

Wednesday	
4 p.m. — Duchesne vs. Hazelwood Central	
3:15 p.m. — Francis Howell North vs. Chaminade	
4:45 p.m. — McCluer North vs. Springfield South	
6:15 p.m. — Granite City vs. O'Fallon	
7:45 p.m. — Aquinas-Mercy vs. Fort Zumwalt South	

Thursday	
4 p.m. — Springfield Sacred Heart Griffin vs. Belleville East	
3:15 p.m. — O'Fallon vs. St. Charles West	
4:45 p.m. — DeSmet vs. McCluer North	
6:15 p.m. — Francis Howell North vs. Duchesne	
7:45 p.m. — Blue Springs vs. Fort Zumwalt South	

Friday	
3:15 p.m. — Blue Springs vs. Belleville West	
4:45 p.m. — Belleville East vs. DeSmet	
6:15 p.m. — Granite City vs. Rosary	
7:45 p.m. — Blue Springs vs. Aquinas-Mercy	

Saturday	
9 a.m. — Semifinal: Pool C winner vs. Pool D winner	
11 a.m. — Semifinal: Pool A winner vs. Pool B winner	
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**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 9)** You influence others with your winning style, attitude and personality. Romantic prizes are claimed before December ends. You may wait for months, but in January, the go-ahead is given for business ventures. February includes a new partner — love blossoms out of a shared experience. March brings marriage proposals. Cancer and Aquarius are strong contenders for life-long love.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Discuss business and emotional matters openly with family — misunderstandings can be prevented. Reinvest profits from sold goods into your business. Time alone is golden. Platonic feelings turn romantic.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Take a break from negative thoughts. Work-related frustrations can be completely overcome. A valuable connection is made over lunch. A tight-lipped approach to hearsay saves a friendship.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** A teacher from the past could



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**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** Though someone you are interested in might be committed, stay friends — situations change. Investments are touched by luck. Settling on the job could result in trouble.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You deserve quality, so stop settling for less! Your knowledge base expands by spending more time with a new friend. Career possibilities open for you. Friends help turn a situation around — now, you call the shots in love.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Your personal rhythm is sped up, allowing you to reach more important personal goals in a shorter period of time. Someone who acts unapproachable is merely shy. Couples find more time to spend together.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Bright ideas and excellent leadership skills make you the

perfect candidate for a promotion. Refrain from gossiping at work. Your love enables you to tackle a difficult challenge. A voice from the past makes an offer.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** Your career goals need to be redefined in the next few weeks as you have accomplished what you set out to do. Streamline your life. At work, it's clear that you are a force to be reckoned with.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Take a break from the worries of work, and enjoy a day of fun and relaxation. Good tidings arrive through friends — pursue these potential allies. You find the leeway in a cut-and-dried situation.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** The social scene has a natural flow, so don't force issues. Allow yourself to get excited about a new project, even if you have doubts. A complete change of heart also changes your romantic plans.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Spend time with family members. Take time to remember those who have helped you along the way. Emotional burdens are easily overcome. Contrasting views help your understanding of friends better.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 19)** Look for a new project that you can call your own — it's time to go for it! Plan romantic trips now — your honey is most likely to agree with your choices. Answers are found in history.

## 'Exhibits' on display in SIUE production

In the tradition of theater illusion, director Peter Concuzza is again putting the audience in the midst of it for the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville production of "Museum," a comedy by Tina Howe that shows us a day in the life of a metropolitan museum.

Audience members will be confronted with museum "exhibits" in the lobby of SIUE's Communications Building Theater and will be ushered to their seats by museum "guards," who will be in character before the actual show begins. This is the way the director likes things to be when it comes to theater.

Concuzza, an assistant professor of theater and dance at the SIUE, has created such off-stage illusions in the past, staging a Victorian-flavored Punch 'n' Judy show in the lobby before a production of the musical "Oliver!" and displaying memorabilia about the

Von Trapp family before a production of "The Sound of Music."

"Eric Barnett's been very cooperative," Concuzza said in explaining his vision for the upcoming production. Barnett is acting director of The University Museum. "He is supplying artwork for the show itself, filling the space with everything from architectural displays to glassware, quilts and prints. We're also creating a guard station in the lobby with a 'gift shop.' We're also hoping to obtain artwork from the university's department of art and design to sell in the gift shop."

The show will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18 and 24-25, and at 2

p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26. There also will be special matinees, one for a museum conference that Barnett is bringing in Sunday, Oct. 19, and one for area high school students at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17 and 24.

The comedy takes place in a museum located in a major metro area on the final day of a special exhibition of sculpture pieces.

"The last day has some significance," Concuzza said. "The exhibition is called 'The Broken Silence,' and to me, that makes us think about people speaking and the people's reaction to the artwork."

To help the cast in making choices about their characters, Concuzza allowed the actors to experience the real thing.

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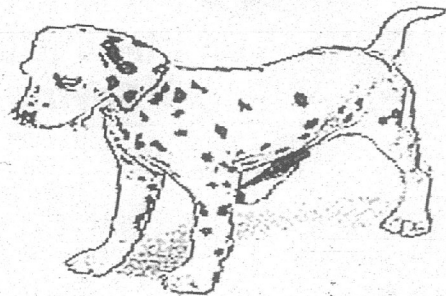
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